

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 - 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (new): A handheld pet animal bathing utensil for connection to a source of pressurized water and for simultaneously delivering a plurality of streams of flowing water to the base of an animal's fur coat and to the outer portion of the animal's fur coat to displace entrapped insulation air in the animal's fur coat and effectively bathe the animal, said utensil including a housing defining a chamber for receiving water from said source of pressurized water and having a housing surface defining an array of spaced ports in fluid flow communication with said chamber, and an array of spaced, rigid tubular extensions projecting outwardly from said housing surface and in fluid flow communication with said chamber, said array of spaced, rigid tubular extensions surrounding the array of spaced ports and said spaced, rigid tubular extensions having open distal ends spaced from said ports and disposed generally in a common plane, said spaced, rigid tubular extensions being of sufficient length to penetrate the animal's fur coat and deliver water from said chamber to the base of the animal's fur coat through the open distal ends thereof when said ports deliver water from said chamber to the outer fur coat, said rigid tubular extensions operable to create a cushion of water over the animal's skin reducing friction between the utensil and the animal and

cooperable with the animal's fur coat to reduce pressure and velocity of water after exiting said ports and open distal ends to reduce splashing and enabling gravity to direct excess water from the bathing utensil down a side or sides of the animal.